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## Preface

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## PREFACE

I have had the honor of being involved in the SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW over the past three semesters, and since its inaugural issue—first as a student in the honors seminar writing a critique of a First Amendment case, and then as Executive Editor/Teaching Assistant facilitating the publication of the REVIEW. We began as a class of thirteen curious students spending hours on the task of drafting the “purpose” and explanatory statements of the SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW. We discussed, grappled with, shaped, and perfected each and every word in those two paragraphs so as to guide future seminar students and inform the prospective REVIEW readers. Since then, twenty-seven more students have built upon that mission statement and put forth scholarly articles of their own in response to recent Seventh Circuit decisions.

For me, what has been the most amazing part of these past three semesters is that, at this point, as we publish Volume 2, Issue 2, our student authors are explicitly citing to the work of other SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW Honors Seminar students, building upon and expanding upon the research and analysis of their predecessors and peers. And these students are not the only ones to find the SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW’s articles to be valuable legal discussions. Web track reports confirm that the REVIEW is being downloaded on a regular basis, and in great numbers. And I am quite confident in predicting that the readership of the SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW is only bound to increase. Recently, Chicago-Kent College of Law signed licensing agreements to make the REVIEW available on LexisNexis and Westlaw. Indeed, the SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW is here to stay, and I

now know that the tedious hours my first class spent perfecting the REVIEW's mission statement were well worth it.

Before I step down as Executive Editor/Teaching Assistant and pass on the torch to Justin Nemunaitis, I would like to thank several people who have been central to the success of the SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW. First, I extend my gratitude to Dean Harold Krent and the Chicago-Kent College of Law Curriculum Committee for their support of the honors seminar and publication, and for providing Chicago-Kent students with this excellent opportunity to author, edit, and publish this scholarly journal. Next, I thank John Young and Sarah Cnota of the Chicago-Kent College of Law Office of Public Affairs who are truly invaluable in the quick turn around and publication of the articles, and who have made this whole process as easy and streamlined as possible. Finally, and most importantly, I would like to thank Professor Hal Morris for his strong commitment to the SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW and his undying loyalty to Chicago-Kent College of Law. This journal is a true testament to what Chicago-Kent students are capable of doing—notably, the high level of scholarly analysis they can achieve in just a semester's time. Thank you, Professor Morris, for challenging us, supporting us, enabling us, and truly enhancing our law school experience by bringing the REVIEW to life.

Though I am shortly ending my run as Executive Editor of the SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW, I know this will not end my relationship with the journal. Though I will no longer be writing, editing, citing, and publishing for the REVIEW, I certainly will become a regular reader now and in the future. And, now, I hope you enjoy reading this issue as much as I have enjoyed being involved with the SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW over the past three semesters.

Warmly,

Julia R. Lissner  
Executive Editor, SEVENTH CIRCUIT REVIEW